

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 272

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A RESOLUTION to name the inn at Fall Creek Falls State Park in honor of the late Shelby A. Rhinehart.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have named certain state facilities and buildings to honor public servants who, during their lifetime, greatly contributed to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities and to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, our late colleague, former Representative Shelby A. Rhinehart of Van Buren County, was one such public servant who very ably served in the Tennessee House of Representatives for thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader, Shelby A. Rhinehart was a champion for the people of the Cumberland Plateau and Sequatchie Valley, ensuring that their concerns, needs and beliefs were given voice in the halls of the State Capitol in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Rhinehart was an outstanding advocate for public education, supporting numerous efforts over the years to ensure a quality education and equitable state funding for every student in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart supporter of state employees, Representative Shelby Rhinehart always led the charge to establish better benefits, fair treatment and adequate compensation for the working men and women of state government; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Shelby Rhinehart was deeply committed to his beloved Van Buren County and Fall Creek Falls State Park. Many times he secured funding for improvement projects for the park while extolling the virtues of the area, inviting his fellow members to visit the best and most beautiful of all Tennessee state parks; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that this body honor and pay tribute to such a devoted public servant whose lifetime of service to the State of Tennessee now provides untold benefits to the Tennesseans of today and those generations yet to come; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the inn at Fall Creek Falls State Park is hereby named the "Shelby A. Rhinehart Inn" as a lasting tribute to an exemplary statesman, a champion of the Cumberland Plateau and Sequatchie Valley, and a beloved son of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a picture of the late Representative Shelby A. Rhinehart be prominently displayed in the lobby of the inn at all times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation.